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NOTE AND COMMENT

Some readers of what appeared on this page last week in reference to the escape of Bill Miner and the aid that was being given him to escape the authorities, were disposed to discredit what was said and to ascribe the alleged information given to the overheated brain of a yellow journalist. That the attitude of a large section of the people of British Columbia was correctly described is, however, evident from an editorial article which has since appeared in the Vancouver Province. As it illustrates a tendency, which is only too general under like circumstances, it is well worth while reproducing the article in full:

"The way in which a section of the public," says the Province, "has lost its head and is babbling idiotic foolishness about the arch-criminal who was clever enough to engineer his escape from the penitentiary at New Westminster, is not only irritating but profoundly depressing, because it shows such deplorable failure of judgment and such a want of recognition of the true meaning of the facts of the case. It appears that there are citizens who would ordinarily be called respectable members of society, who say plainly that they would harbor Bill Miner, give him food, and help him to evade the officers of the law who are trying to capture him."

"What are the reasons and motives that lie at the basis of this talk? Most of those who utter it may be freed at once from the supposition that they themselves would, if they dared, and if they were clever enough, imitate Bill Miner and hold up trains. There are no doubt many men who are so weak mentally, and have so little principle, that they are only kept honest by their timidity, and by the restraints which society imposes. But these foolish talkers are not of this class. They are of the usual average of honest citizens. They earn their living, pay their bills, and do not beat their wives. All that is wrong with them is that they are soft-hearted and weak-headed. And it is astonishing how well a soft-hearted weak-headed man will go along if he does not meet with anything to call for the instant exercise of decisive judgment, or the falling back on fundamental principles of conduct. Moreover as men admire contrasts, these foolish ones admire Miner. He is clever; they are conscious that they are not; he is possessed of a certain courage; they know they have not got it; he can conceive a plan and carry it through to completion; but these men know that they could not do such a thing to save their lives. But they are soft hearted. They say 'Poor old Bill Miner; no doubt he's a bad man but he's getting old; he's undergone many years of imprisonment, let him have his chance to go free—it's a shame that a smart old man like that should be behind bars.' They say, 'let him go free,' with all the freedom which they would give away other people's money; with all the magnanimity which does not cost them anything which is commonly exhibited by the weak and easy going. Their soft-heartedness has no virility about it; they would not even help their admired Bill Miner if it cost them anything to do it."

"Miner, the escaped criminal, has spent his life in war against society, in robbery, in prevention of peaceable travelling and the safe transport of valuables. He has not scrupled to place himself in positions of danger, but he has also endangered the lives of other people. He has no sense of morals or decency, but his life has alternated between shameless vice and the planning of his robberies. For notwithstanding his innate viciousness, he has brains. He is regarded as a chief among his fellows, and so long as he is free, he will be always engaged in devising fresh onslaughts on public safety. For such a man to be free is a public danger, for though he is old, he retains all the cool calculation and mental ability that have previously

Old Age in the Far North



Mr. G. Ross Palmer has recently returned from an extended trip up the Peace River to a point in Northern British Columbia near where the Finlay and Parsnip join to form the main stream. The journey was a lengthy and arduous one, extending over nearly three months. In his course Mr. Palmer succeeded in securing a number of excellent photographs, a series of which the Saturday News has been fortunate enough to secure.

The two photographs published above serve to show the great age to which the people of that northern country attain and how rugged their appearance often is after advancing years have overtaken them. The first picture is that of the mother of the chief of the Beavers, who is now living near Dunsmuir at the age of 118 years. The second is that of Daniel Ferguson, the well-known half-breed pilot of the steamer Peace River. Standing beside him is his granddaughter and in her arms his great-grandchild.

The Beavers, who were one of the strongest tribes in the western Peace River District, have now dwindled to forty families. They are afraid to take treaty because they believe the white man's money will tell them off entirely. The white man finds it difficult to get the Beaver to trust him. The Klondikers showed that trust. Instead of hunting wood for fire they burned the woodwork about the Indians' graves. In return the Beavers shot their horses and smashed in their houses, now partly having its wagon seat of Hudson's Hope over an embankment nearly 200 feet high.



enabled him to engineer his audacious robberies, and there is no reason to suppose that his energies will not be applied in the same direction again. Just as a mad dog is shot, and a rattlesnake is crushed, so Bill Miner ought to be kept for the remainder of his life where his vicious propensities and his clever brains will not harm his fellows. Our police and prison officials having been tried and found wanting, it is the bounden duty of every respectable and honest citizen to assist to the utmost of his ability in his capture. It is not the alleged weakness of Bill Miner's toes we are concerned with; it is his wicked old head."

At the Union of Canadian Municipalities meeting in Port Arthur last week, ex-Mayor Dyle of Fort William, a former Edmonton man, gave some figures regarding the management of the civic street railway there which should serve to reassure those who have favored municipal ownership of this utility. The line was built in 1893, when the two cities had only 2000 people. Ten years later the gross income had reached \$156,347.05, and the expenditures \$138,947.17. Net profit to the city since the railway was built amounted to \$100,000.00. The debt on the railway and power plant amounted to \$102,200.

The net profit of the railway during the last four years equals one-fifth of the entire cost of the road, and from its inception the entire profit of \$90,000 equals one-fourth of the entire cost. If you add to this profit the value of the franchise, which is estimated at \$1,000,000, you have a system created and developed by municipal ownership, which any private corporation would be proud of.

Of course, it goes without saying that the management of the Twin City line has been business-like. If business principles are followed, the field of both municipal and government ownership may be very largely extended with perfect safety. It isn't a case of any theory being right or wrong. People can control their own utilities and profit by them, just as soon and just as long as they see to it that they are properly managed. A well-paid official can make a profit out of a street railway just as easily for a town as he can for a company, if he is given a free hand. But if he is interfered with by every pettifogging politician, with a particular interest to serve,

he will not have a ghost of a chance to succeed.

A Canadian, who in a larger field has shown the possibilities of public ownership, has just returned to his native land for a visit. Australia went in extensively for government railway construction and operation a decade or so ago. The politicians took hold of the lines and reduced the country nearly to a state of bankruptcy. It became evident that some practical railway man must take hold and run the system as a business proposition. Mr. Thomas Tait, one of the high officials of the C.P.R., was accordingly employed for this purpose in 1903. That year there had been a deficit of two million dollars. But a great change has been wrought since then. According to the estimates of the current fiscal year, the gross revenue of the railways will total \$20,000,000. The working expenses are nearly \$10,000,000, leaving a net revenue of nearly \$10,000,000. The interest on the total railway debt amounts to \$7,500,000, and this net revenue will be devoted to paying this indebtedness, and the balance of \$2,500,000, or almost all of it, will be returned to the commissioners by parliament for the purpose of permanent improvements to the railway system.

What has been done in Australia should surely not be beyond the region of possibility in other countries.

Mr. Borden inaugurated his ocean-to-ocean speaking tour at Halifax on Tuesday and presented the platform on which his party will conduct the next general election. His two important declarations were that in favor of placing the civil service under the control of an independent commission and that in favor of nationalizing the telegraph and telephone lines. If he can swing his party around to his attitude on these two issues and convince the public that if he succeeds, he will be able to carry out his pledges, he should make an effective campaign.

Unfortunately the cry for a reformed civil service has arisen before and so it has always come from the party out of power, who, when they have obtained office have forgotten the issue, the people will naturally be somewhat distrustful. It is a fact that the best men in each political organization would be glad to see the civil service placed on the basis of merit. But the evil system, at present in force, has become so firmly established as a result of

many years of practice, that it will take a very strong man to eradicate it, no matter how good his intentions. Everyone but the narrow partisan, however, should wish Mr. Borden well in the attempt which he proposes to make.

As for the telegraph and telephone policy, we fear that it will meet the same fate as that encountered by the Conservative leader in connection with the new transcontinental railway. When he came out for government ownership and control of that line, he found arrayed against him the whole force of old-line Conservatives. They denounced his idea not only in private but through the newspapers and the leader's policy soon was heard nothing more of. It was evident that those in control came to the conclusion that these gentlemen, men of the Sir George Drummond and E. R. Oaker type, were indispensable to the party. Mr. Borden may expect opposition in this quarter now.

Does he intend to fight it this time? It looks as if that will be necessary, before the party becomes an effective campaigning force. It now contains two incongruous elements. It cannot carry the old-fashioned Conservatives with it along advanced lines and it cannot win general support if it adheres to their ideas. Has the parting of the ways come? If Mr. Borden has determined to proceed independently of the element in the party referred to, it is a great pity that he did not follow up the two features of his policy referred to with a declaration in favor of a revenue tariff. He would have immensely strengthened himself in the west, which by the general election after next, will very nearly have the balance of power. Such a progressive platform would probably have disrupted the old Conservative ranks but it would have created a new organization, which would have had a fair chance of defeating the government.

The event of the past week, so far as this province was concerned, was receiving of information by the Attorney-General's department against the twelve directors of the Alberta Retail Lumber Dealers' Association on charges of conspiracy in restraint of trade. Summonses were at once issued by Magistrate Wansley, of Edmonton, calling on the defendants to appear before him on Thursday, Sept. 5, at the police barracks in Edmonton.

The names of those against whom the informations have been sworn are as follows: W. H. Clark, Edmonton; J. A. McDonald, Edmonton; F. A. Prince, Calgary; P. D. Becker, Calgary; A. M. Grogan, Calgary; W. Stewart, Calgary; F. W. Irvin, Vegreville; A. G. Groom, Wetaskiwin; D. C. Gourlay, Lacanbe; William Dean, Olds; W. Barclay, Claresholm, and J. W. McNiel, Lethbridge.

This proceeding is, as is well known, one of the results of last session's investigation into the alleged lumber combine at Ottawa. The work of prosecution devolves on the provincial authorities and Mr. Cross' department has a large and, as far as this part of the country is concerned, a unique task before it. Every one of those charged is liable to a penalty not exceeding \$4000 and not less than \$200 or if a corporation to one not exceeding \$10,000 and not less than \$1000. Each defendant is charged in the informations with three conspiracies, namely, (1) with his co-directors and the other members of the Alberta Retail Lumber Dealers' association; (2) with the members of the Mountain Mills Association of British Columbia; and (3) with the members of the British Columbia Lumber and Shingle association.

The Attorney-General and his associates are to be commended for taking action with so little delay. Immediately after the presentation of the committee's report at Ottawa, the provincial authorities took into their consideration what further steps were necessary and we have now this definite action, which is bound to arouse wide-spread public attention and which, it is hoped, will be the means of remedying such evils, in relation to this branch of industry, as the province may be shown to have been suffering from.

Under the heading of "Success to Mr. Cross," the Farmers' Advocate says:

"Reports from the capital of Alberta indicate that the Attorney-General is preparing to proceed against the organized lumber dealers of that province and is also enlisting the co-operation of the British Columbia Government in order that the real investigators of what the committee appointed by the Dominion Government found to be 'unsubstantiated prices' may be apprehended. The action of the Attorney-General of Alberta, if it is within the bounds of political propriety

(and that is a question which we have never seen decided,) is most commendable. The actions of the lumber dealers in raising their prices almost immediately upon the finding of the Parliamentary Committee was, to say the least, defiant, and bordered very closely upon insolence towards the Federal Government. It certainly alienated any possibility of public sympathy and implied that the public's interest was not in the least theirs."

"We in Canada are patient with manufacturing concerns—more so than they are in the Republic. Across the line the lumber trust is being regulated in earnest. The District Attorney for Minnesota is bringing action against the organized retail lumber men of that state, and the United States supreme court has declared that the increase of freight rates of from six to twelve dollars a car on yellow pine to the Ohio River is excessive, and claims of between three and four million dollars are being filed against certain railways for a return of this excessive freight charge. Whether or not it will be recovered we cannot say, but judging by the attitude of the court toward the Standard Oil Company, which was recently assessed a fine of over twenty nine million dollars, it would appear that the railway companies and lumber dealers must more nearly simulate justice in their practices."

"This is not just the time for industrial organizations to pinch the consumer. Money is none too plentiful nor free this season and the public mind is in a humor to witness extortion. Provincial Governments may depend upon the public endorsing any reasonable action to secure lower lumber prices, even to the extent of necessary amending honest competition from independent dealers."

Edmonton municipal politics are not so feverish as a week ago. The public meeting last Friday night served to take the wind to a very considerable extent out of the sails of those who have been criticizing the city's administration. The Mayor's reply to Mr. Morrison, who on resigning his post in the city's service found fault with the methods being followed was so effective that that gentleman immediately disappeared as a factor in the situation. A man, who would give out an interview in August denouncing a telephone system, which only last December he had declared himself an enthusiast in favor of, is not a safe guide in civic affairs.

Nor did Ald. Walker succeed in convincing many that it would be a wise move to try to cancel the contract with the Lorimer people. There is no information regarding that system available now that was not in the possession of the council of 1905 when the contract was let last year. That was the time for decision and there is no use getting mixed up in a lawsuit by going back on the company. The Saturday News was for a long time doubtful as to the wisdom of the step which the council took in adopting a new and comparatively untried system. But the reports in regard to it from Peterborough are all encouraging and there is every reason to believe that no mistake has been made.

As to the general financial situation, it is not as serious as some have believed. With the sale of debentures at the close of the present month, the temporary embarrassment from which Edmonton in common with other cities has been suffering, should cease. As Ald. Picard put it, in his simple but telling way, at the public meeting, it has been a case of a leechman giving too big a load to a horse to carry and then blaming it for not being equal to the task. The people wanted all the expenditures that were undertaken and the council and commissioners have done the best that they could to carry out the people's will. The experience that we have been passing through during the past month or so should, however, have one good effect. It will make the citizens realize that it is quite as important for a municipality as for an individual, when it is contemplating an outlay, to consider the question where the money is coming from.

In the meanwhile the bye-election campaign has developed into a contest between Mr. Blayney and Mr. George Manuel Mr. Palmer having retired rather than take part in a three-cornered affair. Mr. Manuel is a west-end-er and the fight is really between the two sections of the city, a result greatly to be deplored.

Notices to Creditors and Others.

ROBERT DANHAM LAY (the younger), Deceased.

NOTICE is hereby given that an order has been made on the 15th day of August 1907 by the Honourable Mr. Justice Harvey, a Judge of the Supreme Court of the North West Territories, that all creditors and others having claims against the estate of the above-named Robert Danham Lay, (the younger) deceased are to send in their names and addresses and the particulars of their claims, together with a statement of the securities (if any) held by them, and the names and addresses of their advocates (if any), to I. S. Cowan of the City of Edmonton, in the province of Alberta, Administrator of the said estate, on or before the 30th day of September 1907, after which date the said Administrator will proceed to distribute the said estate amongst the parties entitled thereto, having regard only to the claims of which he then shall have notice, and the said Administrator will not be liable for the assets of the said deceased nor any part thereof so distributed to any person of whom claim he shall not then have had notice.

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SATURDAY, AUGUST 31

The Opinions of a Simple Settler

To the Editor Saturday News, Edmonton.

Dear Sir,—As The Saturday News is the official organ of the Association that is endeavoring to obtain common justice for the man who is making the west what, for different reasons, we all hope it will be, perhaps you may be able to find room for the opinions of a simple settler.

To begin with, I may say I have had fifteen years' experience of different kinds of farming in different parts of the world, and after giving Canada over a year's trial, must own to disappointment. In my humble opinion, when the immigration office has told you that the soil of the West is good, he has told you nearly all the good news there is to be told, for, barring the soil and the climate, everything combines to harass the settler and retard the development of the country.

If I were told to give a list of the curses of Canada, I should select the following as being most detrimental to its welfare:

1. The law which prevents the settler from acquiring a piece of land except through the real estate agent.

2. The lumber people who, by charging exorbitant prices, retard all building operations.

3. The manufacturers of agricultural implements whose prohibitive prices prevent the settler from getting the best possible from the soil.

4. The local storekeeper whose blood-sucking extortion is crippling every settler within the radius of each mushroom town.

To these may be added every manufacturer who uses the Protective Tariff as a shield from under which he floods fifth grade goods at first grade prices.

I have followed with interest the sittings of the beef commission and dare say that every industry would divulge similar revelations—i.e., combination to fleece the farmer—if required into.

Now if the members of the Provincial House have, as they may they have, the welfare of the farmer at heart, they will appoint a commission to inquire into the methods of the manufacturers in general, and those of farm implements in particular, and they will find that Pat Burns is not the only sinner in Alberta. A talking of machinery, this is my experience: Last fall I bought a disc harrow. Owing to the early winter I was unable to do any work until this spring, then I started. I worked hard for about ten days. At the end of that time I had about four acres partially disked, but the army of tin snip-platers with the high sounding name was no more.

I took it very shortly back to the village where I bought another disc; an imported machine which did my work in no time. The old one is still on show, a trap for another unwary settler. Now there were many of these discs being used round here, and with one or two exceptions they all collapsed when shown a piece of breaking. Of course there is the warrant given with the machinery; that in worth precisely the value of the paper it is written on, for what man can trust a machine and return it to the store, and advise the agent and general office within 24 hours of purchasing?

"Oh," says the machine agent, "We give free repairs," as though the farmer had nothing else to do but toddle up and down to the village for little bits of iron, such as had as the other. And he needn't fool himself that they are free. Let him wait until the second year, and then go for repairs, and he will find that he has to pay for all he has had free, five or six times over.

For an example of bare-faced robbery, let any farmer take the trouble to add up the cost of a machine by buying the parts separately. It is instructive to say the least of it. Once a farmer buys a machine and PAYS FOR IT the manufacturer has him. In all probability, if the machine be a failure, he cannot afford to buy a different one, but is obliged to keep buying repairs at three and four times their value because the manufacturer knows he MUST have them.

If a farmer ships a car of wheat as being of a certain grade, it has to be such; if he "plugs" a car he is docked and mulcted to a certain extent, yet all through Canada, manufacturers are advertising their wares as the best possible quality and workmanship when they are

only third grade at best, and yet they are not interfered with. Why then should not the farmer be allowed to do a little cheating?

It is the same with the feed stuffs. Again compare the price of flour with that of wheat.

I have seen a few peddlers selling bread to the starving soldiery in South Africa, and Dago traders selling liquor to Tehuacan Indians, but they were philanthropists compared to the storekeeper in a North west Canadian village. Their ways of getting dollars are many—few of them honest, for, as a great man once said: "He who takes a dollar without giving a dollar's worth in return is a beggar or a thief." As a storekeeper cannot be classed as a thief he must be the other thing. A favorite way of HAVING the new corner is by keeping back, or charging extra for the duplicate parts given with some machinery. If you want anything the store is getting short of, may the Lord have mercy on your pocket book. I wanted a bay fork the other day, so went for one, as it happened to be the last, it cost 25 cents more than the others.

The bill came back: "I buy fork, 1 dollar." It simplifies book keeping. That same fork is sold in the East for 35 cents.

There is a lot said about the clean Canadian Government—I have yet to see it. Everyone is protected but the man who most needs it.

The manufacturer sells what he likes and charges what he likes.

The lumber man charges what he likes and does you out of 50 feet in every 1000 by means of narrow or short boards. The local storekeeper, protected by circumstance, charges what he likes for all his rubbish, and—the farmer pays.

In return for being swindled by every combine and syndicate from Kilmosno to the Pacific the settler gets 100 ACRES.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier once said that the twentieth century belonged to Canada. Unless he and some more honest men do something to prevent those harpies, the manufacturer, the lumber merchant, the real estate man, and the lower breeds from "laying on a new land bill of the old," it is not going to be worth as very much to Canadians.

We have here a fine clean country. May God and all honest men help to keep it clean.

GRINGO.

July, Alta., 10th August, 1907.

The Visit of the British Presmen

The farmers of the Clover Bar settlement suffered a severe disappointment on Friday last. The secretary of the Edmonton Board of Trade had requested Mr. Stevens to arrange for the farmers of that vicinity to accompany the British presmen, eleven in all, who are now touring Alberta, for a drive through the settlement, and entertain them and their escorts from the Edmonton Board of Trade and the Department of Agriculture at tea.

After consulting a number of his neighbors and learning that the young people of the Lyworth League had arranged for a lawn social at the Methodist Church, Mr. Stevens decided to have tea served at that place.

The people of Clover Bar always conscious of the importance of conducting affairs of this kind in keeping with the high standing of the settlement, determined to outfit anything they had ever yet undertaken. A route having excellent roads, and numerous high points from which magnificent views of the country would be obtained, was decided upon. Baggies, carriages and other vehicles were carefully washed, harness cleaned and buckles polished. The women scrubbed floors, polished windows, cooked and baked; while many a Clover Bar maid was seen making purchases of ribbon and lace with which to enhance her natural attractiveness.

Just as all preparations were completed for what was intended to be THE EVENT in the history of Clover Bar a message was received over the 'phone saying the party would remain another day in Calgary, and Mr. Stevens was asked what he could do under the circumstances. His answer was: "Hold your crowd together and Clover Bar will be ready to meet them when they come." It was then arranged for about a dozen farmers to meet the visitors at the school house and to drive them over the settlement, but instead of having tea served at one central place, to distribute the company in groups of four throughout the settlement and to have two or more neighboring families join in entertaining them, and in this way gratify the desire of the presmen of meeting as many of the farmers as possible.

Letters were hurriedly written explaining the new arrangement, and dispatching his daughter on horseback in one direction with these, Mr. Stevens went in the other to make known the change of programme.

Saturday morning broke with a heavy rain falling which continued throughout the day. Many messages were exchanged over the 'phone between Clover Bar and Edmonton but it was agreed to carry out the programme.

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the Edmonton delegation and the drive towards Clover Bar began but an evening drew on the downpour became greater and as some of the presmen were quite old and all were fatigued, it was decided to abandon the trip.

In the meanwhile families in Clover Bar gathered in twos and threes at the appointed places; the men gathered at the school house and waited, but just when they were expecting every moment to see the visitors come in sight, a message arrived saying that word had been received that the party had returned to town.

The contrast between what might have been had the original programme had been carried out and what really took place was frequently commented on during the evening, and that extra day in Calgary was blamed for it all. Who was responsible for it we have not learned; but whoever he may be will doubtless learn, should he ever get to Clover Bar, the truth of the remark of a certain prominent man, that the Clover Bar outfit "are not a bad lot of fellows as long as they are with you, but they are simply a—once they turn against you."

Medicine Hat was violently shaken by an explosion early on Monday last week. Powder, that had been stored in the old Earl residence, just outside the limits, was being transferred to Dunsmuir and it is thought that one of the men engaged in the work may have been smoking and carelessly dropped a match. George Austin and George Brown were in the building at the time. The former's clothing caught fire and he was horribly burned before it could be cut off. His recovery is not expected. A team of horses standing near had their hair singed completely off and they were badly burned in spots. Nothing is left of the house.

The school board is "ragged" at present in filling the vacancies on the various staffs. C. McKinnon R.A., was appointed to succeed Mr. Johnson at the High school, R. F. Downey R.A., was appointed to the

principals of Queen's Avenue, but he has been unable to accept and the post has been offered to J. W. Treleven D.A., of Clinton.

Work on the new C.P.R. depot at Strathcona is progressing satisfactorily.

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The financial situation is getting worse. An Edmonton daily tells us that the Dominion government has even had to interfere. Mr. McLeod of Calgary having been sent up to keep the river banks from going to pieces.

Speaking of banks, if the walls of some of the managers' private offices could tell their stories these days, what a lot of interesting information they could give us. It was Simon Ford, the New York wit, who said that the anthem of the bankers' association was "when you ain't got no money you needn't come round!" Part of Mr. Ford's observations on financial institutions are particularly readable at the present time. Addressing the association in New York, he said: "I was thinking what a grand idea it was for you to get together once a year to exchange ideas and settle among yourselves what shall be done, and who shall be done and how you will do them. Personally, I'd prefer to exchange checks rather than ideas with many here present, not but what the ideas are all right, but somehow, when money talks I am always a fascinated listener."

"I have observed," he said, "that one's reception at a bank varies some what with the condition of the money market. Go in when money is easy and the President falls on your neck, calls you by your first name, and cheerfully loans you large sums on your 'Balloon Common' and your 'Smoke Preferred,' and you go on your way rejoicing." The next day, news has arrived that Gordon Highlander has strained a tendon in his leg while springing away from a Dutchman named Lady-Smith or an Irish lady chef, has sent home two pounds starting to her family, money goes up one hundred and eighty per cent a minute, and you get a note requesting you to remove your 'Balloon Common' and your 'Smoke Preferred' and substitute Government bonds therefore. And still you wonder at crimes.

"But if you really want to know the meaning of the terms 'Marble Heart' and 'Ice Eye' go into one of those refrigerating plants for a loan when money is tight. It is prudent at such times to wear ear muffs and red mittens fastened together by tape so they can't be lost, for you will need 'em."

"As soon as you reach the outer air, run horses and plunge the extremities in hot water, and place a porous plaster on what remains of your self esteem."

"Bankers are too prone to judge a man by his appearance, so that the very men who send the money need have the hardest work to get it. They are apt, especially at the City Bank, to discriminate against the 'fellow' who looks rocky, in favor of the Rockefeller. Clothes do not make the man! If they did Betty Green wouldn't be where she is and Russell Sage wouldn't be in the Old Ladies Home. If Uncle Russell had to travel on his shape he would never see much of the world. Yet, beneath that rugged coat there beats a heart which as a lender can't be beat—a heart (as true as the Standard Gas people say) as true as steel."

"But after all, Banks and Trust Companies do a lot of good in a quiet way, especially in their direction—in a quiet way. See what a convenience some of our Trust Companies have been in their directors of late. It would sometimes be mortifying for these directors to have to attempt to borrow money on certain securities, in institutions with which they were not connected, because, instead of getting the money, they might get six months."

"I had intended to touch upon a few vital questions concerning finance this evening, but the night is waning and I guess you've all been 'touched' sufficiently of late, so I will restrain myself, and give some other orator a chance to get himself disliked."

This is humor, I think which even those who in the past weeks have held the opinion that there was no humor about banking, will appreciate.

The Journal the other day had an item telling that Mrs. Stanford White, the widow of Theodore's victim, was going to marry another man and headed it: "The way of the American." As a matter of fact it was the way of the first and probably will be that of the last of those inhabiting the earth.

We often hear the question discussed as to which kind of death is the pleasantest. One man met his end in Walthamstow, England, in a

way which must have made a large proportion of his fellow-countrymen envious. He fell into \$2500 worth of beer and was drowned. And the irony of the case was that he was a teetotaler.

A certain member of the village choir was the possessor of a powerful voice of great range, and to give to it full scope he would often sing tenor, bass, and alto in the same hymn—sometimes in the same verse.

This annoyed the congregation to such an extent that the "musician" felt a word of correction was necessary and on meeting the culprit addressed him:

"Look ye here, Rory McEwen, about y're singing. If y're gae to sing tenor, sing tenor; or, if y're gae to sing bass, sing bass—but let's hear no more o' y're shandygaff."

The following communication was received not long ago by the Chicago Inter Ocean.

To the Editor—I am by your local columns that one of your reporters makes use of the term 'housewiser'.

Would you be so kind as to inform me what a 'housewiser' is? and greatly oblige.

A CONSTANT READER.

The best we can do, rejoined the editor, is to attempt to give the definition, which is now being prepared by an eminent lexicographer for the new edition of a universal unabridged and standard dictionary.

This definition is: Housewiser (sometimes incorrectly spelled "house wiser," a; from "hse" and "wiser," or, rather, the compound hse-wiser, meaning "used to be, but isn't any more."

A person who was, but is not. One who may have been but cannot prove it.

One who was said at one time to be, but is not considered at present. One who is, not, but thinks he is.

A person who can easily recall the time when he thought he was, but is unable to remember the time that he certainly ceased to be.

One who is "down and out" and will not believe it, even when told by his best friends.

One who has been practically dead for some time but does not realize it. One who never really was, but only thought he was.

Lo, the housewiser, with familiar grin, is always, here, and always beating in.

—Byron.

He's a housewiser—I'll stake my all upon it; He soon will tell us that 'twas him who done it.

—Wordsworth.

What! the housewiser? He ain't every day Watching his chance to get in with his "day."

—Kipling.

It would be impossible, concludes the editor, of course, to give the coming definition in its final form, but we take pleasure in giving it as the lexicographer conceives it at the present time.

Sunny Alberta.

It has been decided to establish a Kindergarten in connection with Alexandra school, Wetaskiwin.

The Lethbridge Woolen Mills commenced operations last week.

The rumor that apostles Heber J. Grant and Reed Smoot would attend our stake conference and while here likely make a deal with the Kerr Co. on the Cochrane Ranch, proves to be incorrect as neither Mr. Grant nor Mr. Smoot is here, the former being detained by business and the latter by illness. Respecting the Ranch deal the situation is that the owners have not accepted the proposition made them by the O. W. Kerr Co. The Kerr Co. says the price asked for the land is out of reach and unless some new development takes place the Kerr Co. will not take over the project.—Raymond Chronicle.

A terrible catastrophe, involving three lives, occurred on the Battle River, 28 miles south of Vermilion, on August 14. A cyclone, the first ever reported in the Saskatchewan Valley, struck the house of Henry Meyer. Three of his children ran outside but were struck by flying timbers, two being instantly killed and the third so injured that she died the next day. Mrs. Meyer and the baby remained unhurt, though they stayed in the house, which was completely destroyed along with the stables and corral. Mr. Meyer and his oldest son were out haying at the time.

R. H. Bourne, formerly of Lacombe, was seriously injured in a runaway accident at Armstrong, B.C.

The C.P.R. has appropriated \$27,000 for work at Wetaskiwin. The Times states that at a recent conference between railway and city officials it was decided that the company should proceed with the moving of the elevator and the opening up of Peace street crossing just as quickly as possible after the signing of the agreement with the city, which is expected to be presented to the council in a few days. The city is required to close Monk street crossing. The new station, costing \$20,000, is to be located at about one hundred yards north of the present one. The spur of Lacombe street, and an additional elevator track will be built on the east side running south from Peace street.

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Frank Rack, a settler near Vermilion, has called attention to the fact that in the older settled parts along the Saskatchewan it is nearly impossible to find a survey post. But probably only one settler in ten knows the law or is aware of the seriousness with which the government views offences of this nature. The suggestion of Mr. Rack is that the clause of the Dominion Lands Act dealing with the subject be put in full on the back of every homestead entry receipt.

On August 11 Bishop Pisham inducted Rev. W. Whiteside M.A., recently of Manchester, England, into the incumbency of St. Mark's parish, Lethbridge and St. George's, Penhold.

On Sept. 4th Vermilion will vote on three bylaws, to provide \$10,000 for a public hospital, \$3500 for a market place, and \$4000 for sidewalks.

H. Haaniken was instantly killed at Wavy Lake, Lethbridge, by the bursting of a saw, which split in two pieces as he pressed a rail against it. He was terribly mutilated. Mr. Haaniken was a well-known and prosperous rancher.

W. Christensen, a homesteader who came to the Innisfail district a year ago from Oregon, suddenly succumbed to an attack of hemorrhage of the lungs last week.

E. H. Riley M.P.P. has addressed a letter to the Premier of the province setting forth the claims of the constituency of Gleichen for the agricultural college. Being partly occupied by the grain growers, and partly by the ranchers, as well as containing the largest irrigated area in the province, he thinks that it can claim to be the greatest "mixed farming" district in Alberta.

A workman named Mosier had his hand almost blown off by an explosion at Gibson's quarry, four miles north of Wetaskiwin, while another had his leg fractured.

Rev. Father Veale of Red Deer, when in Fraser, will distribute a pamphlet, setting forth the advantages of the town and district.

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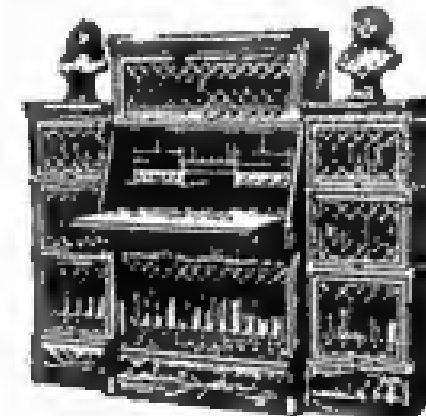
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It will cause no little surprise to some to learn that the daughter of Simon Fraser, the explorer of the river bearing his name and the real discoverer of British Columbia is still alive. She has been very ill at her home in Toronto, where she has lived for 14 years past. She has now passed the eighty mark and being dependent on friends, the British Columbia government has made a grant of \$400 per year.

A rumor has been in circulation to the effect that M. E. McCarthy M.P. for Calgary, would be not a candidate for re-election and that the Conservative nomination would go to E. H. Crandell or P. J. Nolan. The Calgary News interviewed Mr. McCarthy, who made the following non-committal statement: "In reference to the despatch itself, I would hope that the first portion is correct. I, personally, have no desire to be a candidate again. I have no knowledge where the item came from but as to the two names mentioned I desire to say that in my opinion, either one would make an excellent candidate. I do not think however, that any names for the next election have, as yet, been discussed by the party. If so I certainly have had no knowledge of it."

It is to be hoped that the forecast does not turn out to be a correct one. Mr. McCarthy has been a very useful member and with so many responsibilities in public life, on both sides, at Ottawa, neither the country nor the constituency can afford to lose his services. If he should retire, it will doubtless be on account of the time that he has to give up to the work, which forces him to neglect his private interests. For a Western member, at least, who is worth having in Parliament, the much-discussed indemnity of \$2500 is but poor compensation.

Two men who occupy a big place in the journalistic world have visited Edmonton during the week. Mr. Joseph T. Clarke, editor of Toronto Saturday Night, reached the city on Monday, on his return from the Coast. He has made a flying trip through the West, the impressions formed in the course of which he is incorporating in a most readable series of letters to his paper. Mr. Clarke succeeded Mr. E. E. Sheppard as editor a year ago last winter and under his control, the general opinion is, that journal has made very great progress. Mr. Clarke is quite as bright and entertaining a writer as Mr. Sheppard and has more sense of his responsibility. His first came prominently before the public as assistant to Mr. Sheppard, but about seven years ago when the Toronto Star was reorganized, he became its chief editorial writer.

The other newspaper man to whom reference is made and who is no stranger to the city is Mr. A. E. Boyle, who succeeded Mr. F. A. Acland as western representative of the Toronto Globe last spring. Mr. Boyle's headquarters are in Winnipeg but for the greater part of the year his duties call upon him to travel throughout the West. At present he is out sizing up crop prospects. He has seen all parts of the country and is enthusiastic as to the outlook. While there has been a falling off in some places, it has been made up in others, and he is confident that unless an unlooked-for calamity in the shape of an early killing frost, interference, a year of much prosperity is in store for this part of the Dominion.

Mr. Boyle's training has admirably fitted him for the work that he is now doing. As to the importance of the post, it is a well-known fact in newspaper circles that the management of the great Toronto daily, regards it as second in responsibility only to that of the editor-in-chief. Mr. Boyle's first journalistic experience was on the Toronto Globe when Mr. Willson went to the Toronto News, he appointed Mr. Boyle commercial editor of that paper. Ill-health ultimately compelled him to come west to recuperate. Drifting into Regina newspaper work, he was last year appointed publicity commissioner and secretary of the Board of Trade of that city. In that capacity he attended the Board of Trade convention in Edmonton in June, 1906. He was still occupying that position when the appointment came to him from the Globe.

Bishop Reeve, before leaving Athabasca Landing for Toronto, was presented by the citizens of the town with a finely ornamented cane as an expression of their esteem and good wishes. The presentation took place at the Hudson's Bay store and was made by Mr. Bonamen of the company's staff.

Mr. H. M. Topley, the Dominion Government photographer, is at present in Alberta on an official visit. He is at work in the vicinity of Calgary just now.

The Act establishing the provincial courts of Alberta and Saskatchewan will be brought into force Sept. 15, when the names of the appointees to the different district judgeships will also be announced, as well as the appointees to the fifth judgeship of the province of Alberta, for which legislation has already been

provided. The opinion is gaining ground that Mr. N. D. Beck K.C. of Edmonton will be the High Court appointee. In fact, the Saturday News has been informed by a person who claimed to be able to speak definitely that the appointment had been finally determined.

A very large number are going to the Coast and the mountain resorts at present. Hon. W. H. and Mrs. Cushing returned this week from a two weeks' visit to the cities by the sea and His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor left for the West on Monday.

Mr. H. W. McKenney M.P. for St. Albert, with his family, have gone on a visit to Ireland.

The executive of the Calgary Canadian Club are making arrangements with Hon. R. Lemieux, postmaster general of Canada, to address the club at a luncheon to be held on the occasion of the visit of Mr. Lemieux to the west, in the course of a few weeks.

Mr. C. H. Hubbell, of Edmonton, spent Monday in the city, and called upon a number of old friends. Several years ago Mr. Hubbell was a resident of Medicine Hat, holding a position with the Trading Co. Friends here will regret to learn of the recent death of Mrs. Hubbell. —Medicine Hat News.

The last meeting of the Benchers of the Old Northwest Territories took place at Banff this week, when steps were taken to wind up affairs. Those present were: N. D. Beck K.C., president; E. Elwood, Mootman, vice president; J. Muir, K.C., Calgary; C. P. P. Conynbare, K.C., Lethbridge; H. C. Taylor, Edmonton; Senator Loughheed, K.C., Calgary; and W. B. Willoughby, Moosejaw.

J. Walter Ings, of High River, Dr. George Arthur Ings, of Calgary, and Fred Ings, of Nanton, will inherit a fifth share each of the \$250,000 estate left by their father John Ings who died recently at Chaslatown P.E.I.

Col. E. B. Steele returned from the north on last night's delayed train. While in the north the colonel inspected the military corps at Northville, under command of Major Thibodeau; Strathcona under command of Major Jamieson; Fort Saskatchewan, under command of Major Ayles, and Edmonton under command of Major Paton. He found different corps in first class shape, the men willing and well up in their drill. —Calgary Albertine.

Mr. Arthur Hawkes, the newly-appointed publicity man of the C.N.R., who will occupy a position similar to that of Mr. George Huns on the C.P.R., met the touring British newspapermen at Edmonton.

Despite Saturday's unpleasant weather, which prevented a drive about the country, an enjoyable afternoon and evening was spent with the visitors, who were taken in hand by Secretary Harrison of the Board of Trade, and representative business men of Edmonton and Strathcona. The party consists of provincial newspapermen. They are hard workers but at the same time find opportunity for taking much pleasure out of the trip. On Saturday evening many citizens had the pleasure of meeting them at the Edmonton Club and regret was general that they had to leave next morning, when their departure over the C.N.R. was timed. Accompanying them were Messrs. Speers, Kennedy and Norris of the Immigration department. The visiting newspapermen were: Barclay McCloskey, Belfast, Ireland; David Crumbe, Dundee; V. Langstaff, Newcastle; Ald. J. P. Cooke, Sheffield, Eng.; C. W. B. Elliston, Ipswich, Eng.; W. Redwood, Bristol, Eng.; C. W. Sturmer, Darlington, Eng.; J. T. Dunsford, Bridgewater, Eng.; H. H. Elliott, Washington, D.C.

Mr. E. S. Eaton, B.A., of Acadia University, recently principal of the business department of the Maritime Business College, Halifax, has arrived in Edmonton to take a position in the same department of Alberta College. Mr. Eaton holds a diploma from the business College Educators' Association of Canada, and last year stood first in the intermediate examination of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Nova Scotia.

The Edmonton branch of the Merchants' Bank has graduated still another manager for a neighboring town. Mr. F. M. Hacking, who has been the popular accountant for a year past, has been given charge of the Vegreville branch, succeeding Mr. C. R. Morton, who is going into business for himself. Mr. A. S. Maxwell of Vegreville comes to Edmonton as accountant.

Mr. W. M. R. Bowser, a prominent Pittsburg manufacturer, was in Edmonton the first of the week.

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The city schools re-open on August 28.

The cold of Sunday night created considerable nervousness, but no damage was done and the weather on Tuesday and Wednesday has been ideal for growing purposes.

The young son of Rev. A. D. McDonald accidentally shot himself last week, the bullet lodging in his knee. It was extracted at the city hospital.

In the advertising columns appears a notice of a further sale to be held by Mitchell and Reed on Saturday, at which the automobile and the Irish spaniels belonging to the late T. A. Stephen will be sold.

The Saturday News is published a day earlier this week on account of Friday, the opening day of the shooting season, being proclaimed a civic holiday.

The sale conducted by Messrs. Stimmel and Esplin on Tuesday and Wednesday of last week for Mr. Kerley proved a great success in all particulars, a large crowd being present and good prices realized.

Three men were swept from a lumber raft up the Saskatchewan a hundred miles on August 4th, and a young Englishman named L. G. Pearce was drowned.

Despite the rain a large number turned out and thoroughly enjoyed themselves at the annual hospital picnic in Strathcona last Thursday.

The roller skating carnival at the Thistle rink on Monday night drew one of the largest crowds ever seen in the building. The costumes were most creditable and the judges had a difficult task. The results were:

Best dressed lady, Miss Winn; best dressed gentleman, Walter Shanks; best dressed girl, Edna Kemp; best dressed boy, N. York; best lady skater, Miss Garrison, prize, diamond ring; best comic lady, Miss Grant; best gentleman skater, R. Bloomfield; half mile open championship of Alberta, won by F. Johnson, prize, gold medal; boys race, 1st, H. Van Ruskirk, prize, \$5 in gold; 2nd, N. York, prize, watch; couples race, 1st, F. Johnson and Miss Miller. Prizes: lady, watch bracelet; gent, signet ring. 2nd, M. Kinney and Miss Chapman. Prizes: lady, handbag; gent, stick pin. The holder of the lucky number, 1678, and winner of the Morris chair, was J. E. McConnell, of Twelfth street.

The Caladonian Club celebrated Scott's birthday by a concert and at home at Mechanic's Hall. Arrangements were made for the sports at the picnic on Friday.

The rink was again crowded at the sacred concert on Sunday night. In addition to the many excellent numbers by the orchestra, Mr. John Hall contributed two vocal numbers, Mr. Green and Mr. Hushack gave admirable euphonium and cornet solos.

The Wetaskiwin Times says: "The Times has it on best authority that Mr. Walter, one of the largest lumber kings in Central Alberta, has decided, owing to the treacherous stream and the heavy losses he has experienced, to abandon the Saskatchewan as a means of conveying his logs to the commercial centres. He will, instead, have all his logs and lumber hauled by teams from his mills at Back Lake to Wetaskiwin. This means that every farmer

west of town may obtain steady work at least for the winter months, and that another branch of the lumber industry will be located here."

At the council on Tuesday night Mr. G. B. O'Connor, on behalf of the children and liveriesmen, and Mr. A. E. Potter for the business, protested against the charges which it was proposed to incorporate in a by-law. The latter was accordingly laid on the table for a week.

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MR. GORDON'S TESTIMONY

Head of Big Winnipeg Cattle Dealers that there is a Cashmere in the West Trade.

J. T. Gordon of Gordon, Ironsides and Farco, stated before the beef commission in Winnipeg last week that there was absolutely no cashmere in the packing business in Western Canada and cited a variety of figures, dealing with the business of his firm, to show that cashmere rates were not being charged.

For the first six months of 1906 they paid to the dealer, rancher, farmer or whoever had meat to sell \$4.06 per 100 lbs. The average price that beef cost was 7.51 per 100 lbs, taking into consideration that a bullock dressed at 54 lbs. They sold it for \$6.27 per 100 lbs. In other words they sold the beef to the retail butcher for less than the beef cost them not taking into consideration the offal, the heart, the tongue and the liver, which they gave in free. The offal was the hide, tallow, horns and hoof. For the second six months of 1906 the beef cattle cost \$2.97 delivered. That cost \$5.50 per 100 lbs dressed.

They sold it for \$5.45 to the retail butchers of the city of Winnipeg. In the first six months of 1906 their butcher cattle cost \$4.89 per 100 lbs that was what they paid to the dealer, farmer or whoever might ship them. Dressed it cost \$7.57 and they sold it to the trade for \$6.37.

The chairman said he had better put in the figures with reference to offal.

Mr. Gordon said he would do that separately. In the last six months of 1906 their cattle cost \$3.12, and the beef cost \$5.77 dressed. They sold it for \$6.06. They would find that lots of the beef would be sold at 6 1-4c per lb. The total output for the first six months of 1906 was 14,000,000 lbs. In the first six months of 1907 they paid to the rancher, farmer and dealer for oxen, heifers, bulls and steers \$4.67 per 100 lbs. The beef cost dressed \$8.64, and the average price they received for beef was \$7.00. There was more sold for 1-4c and 1-2c per lb, and in July of the present year they sold some for 16c. Their cattle the first six months of the present year cost \$4.67 per 100 lbs. They had calculated the cattle dressed out 64 per cent. He took the highest per centage anyone had given in evidence. The member for Gilbert Plains put it at 52 per cent. The general run was from 48 to 55 per cent. He then proceeded to give the details for every month of the years 1905 and 1906 and for the months of January-June, 1907.

The average cost per head in 1905 was \$37.22. He saw a statement that the farmer got only \$10. If that was so he did not know where the difference went. Their beef cost \$3.38 per 100 lbs and they sold it dressed for \$5.90. In 1906 Cheviots was beef was sold at 6 cents to 4 1-2 cents per pound. The actual average price paid to the rancher or dealer in 1906 was \$37.66 per head delivered at the stock yards or in other words they paid \$5.45 per 100 lbs live weight and sold the dressed meat of those cattle at \$6.01 per 100 lbs. It would be well for the commission to note that the price he had given included heart, tongue and liver which was always thrown in and was not weighed. He did not think that was done in any other place.

In 1907 they sold cheaper than any other part of the wide Dominion taking into consideration the price of live cattle. Their cattle cost for

the first six months \$63.25 per head, or in other words, \$4.67 per 100 lbs live weight and they sold the dressed beef of those cattle for \$7.69 per 100 pounds. They changed their method a little in 1907 and adopted an exact system. They know the cost of every carload of cattle brought into the yard, what the beef cost and what it cost to handle. They know every pound of meat and where it had gone.

HOGS AND SHEEP

With regard to hogs, in 1905 they cost \$4.91 per 100 pounds and sold at 6 1-2c to 7 1-4c per pound. There was only a small per centage of the dressed hog sold to the trade. They were dressed and packed away in the shape of bacon and ham. A hog weighing say 100 pounds would dress out at 75 pounds. The average price for each hog in 1905 was \$10.81 or an average of \$5.73 per 100 pounds dressed. The price they received was \$5.25 per 100 pounds dressed weight. Those hogs were killed, dressed and chilled and delivered free to any part of the city. In 1906 hogs cost \$14.15, much more than one of the parliamentary representatives said cattle cost. The average price paid was \$7.04 per 100 pounds live weight, and the price sold at was \$10.11 per 100 pounds. If they figured out this they would find the profit was not with them. In 1907 the average price for the six months per head was \$14.98 or \$7.49 per 100 pounds live weight. They received, dressed, \$10.78 per 100 pounds.

With regard to sheep in 1905 the average cost per 100 lbs was \$4.58 or \$5.25 dressed and the average selling price was \$9.87. That did not include the pelts. Sheep dressed up at an average of 50 per cent. In 1905 sheep averaged \$5.87 per 100 lbs or \$6.88 dressed, and the average selling price was \$11.80. In 1907, six months, the average cost of sheep was \$7.45 and the average cost per 100 lbs \$8.35, the selling price being \$13.43. Sheep were scarce in January, 1908, and the price was consequently high. With regard to offal on which they made their profit, the hide would fetch \$4.27 and other products \$1.28 to \$1.50 on every 1,000 lbs.

EXPORT TRADE

Turning to the export trade he said the average price of beef for 1906 was \$3.62 per 100 lbs at the port of shipment and they paid the rancher an average of \$49.25 per head for 21,798 head of cattle bought in the west. They also bought 12,088 head of mixed cattle for which they paid \$43.29 at the port of shipment. Last year they handled 76 per cent of all the cattle exported from the Dominion.

Sunny Alberta

The best feelings seem to prevail now between Olds and the C.P.R. Superintendent Nillock, who was arrested by the town authorities during the recent famous struggle, visited Olds last week and was received, according to the Gazette, in the most friendly spirit. Mr. Nillock was able to state that there was every probability of the crossing at the south end of the yard being granted, only the formality of a written statement to that effect being now required. The station grounds were looked over, and the assurance

given that next year work would be put on them by grading, planting etc. In the meantime, the ground at the north end of the station will be levelled and drained, and steps built. New oak furniture is to be provided for the station and a railing placed along the approach at the north.

The order incorporating Nanton as a town has been passed and H. M. Shaw appointed returning officer in the election to be held.

A committee of the Olds Board of Trade has taken a census of the town and reports a population of 700.

American ranchers are taking steps to have the telephone line from Medicine Hat to the Cypress Hills extended to Haara, Montana.

The Galt mines at Lethbridge are turning out 700 tons of coal a day.

A modern brewery will be established at Blairmore. The moving spirit of the company, capitalized at \$750,000, having the enterprise in hand is Steve Mahan, formerly proprietor of the Coleman Hotel.

In response to a strongly signed petition, circulated by High River and vicinity, W. H. Middleton, who was sentenced from that town to three years in penitentiary, on a perjury charge, has been released.

H. de Clerval of High River who recently returned from a visit to France, reports that a large French immigration to Alberta is in prospect. Walter Hoerle was struck by lightning at Queenstown, near Gleichen, and rendered unconscious.

The C.P.R. is appealing the Hanna case at Red Deer to the Supreme Court of Canada.

The following was the result of the election of officers of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, L.O.O.F., in Lethbridge last week: Grand Master, E. Foster Brown, Macleod; deputy grand master, J. W. Mitchell, Calgary; grand warden, V. C. French, Wetaskiwin; grand secretary, O. E. Tisdale, Calgary; grand treasurer, H. J. Adams, Calgary; grand representatives, A. E. May, P. G. M. Edmonton, and K. J. Stuart, P.G., Calgary.

The bell presented to St. Martin's R.C. Church by Augustus Hartmann was consecrated by Bishop Legal last Sunday.

A new Baptist Church will be erected at the corner of Syndicate and Morris. Services are at present being held in a tent on the church site by Pastor McCall of Brandon. The congregation has close to a half hundred members on its roll. The property has been presented by the Baptist Board and the outlook is considered a very bright one.

The Conservatives of Vegreville have organized with the following officers: President, F. A. Morrison vice president, A. I. Walker; sec. treas., T. D. Beattie; Aud. sec. J. F. Rogers.

The Vegreville Observer understands that Mr. Borden, during his western tour will address meetings at Vegreville and Vermilion.

While asleep, a rancher named Owen Fetterman, living near Nanton, had a bullet discharged into his skull and is now lying in a dangerous condition in Calgary hospital. The shooting is a mystery.

While R. Hughes, son of C. O. Hughes, whose farm is near Fort Saskatchewan, was driving a mow, the mow ran away and he was thrown under the implement, breaking his arm and shoulder and inflicting several severe cuts.

Lloydminster expects to be in telephonic communication with Edmonton in a few week's time.

Notes from an Irishman's Notebook.

CLEAN OUT OF MIND

There were thriving trademen by Nihil's bank, Mid the people that worshipp'd him, Who pickled the dead of every rank At a varying scale of prices. So a man through a family vault might stroll With a little help from his pedigree roll, While the torch in the gloom burn'd dimly; And there he might see the mother he'd loved; The wife he had cherish'd, the friend he had proved, His father fond, and his sister dear, And his first-born babe on his tiny bier, All staring out at him grimly.

Reader, had you such a conscience, How often, pray, would you leave your home To visit a dead relation? How often now, if the question's fair, Do you turn your steps to the churchyard there, Where your loved ones, lost in these last few years, Were laid to rest with bloods and tears, While the prayer and exhortation Were hurriedly read by the parson, who Had many such funerals more to go through As part of his week's vacation?

There are plenty of ways to preserve the dead: We may molder them up in sheets of lead, Wrap bushels of spice about them; But, whether they last or whether they rot, 'Tis much the same, they are soon forgot, And the world gets along without them. So 'mid manly weeping and feminine sobs Be this your comfort—ere many weeks Have passed o'er those who bemoan you, Your love and your friend, your kith and your kin, Will laugh and tell, will quarrel and sin, As though they had never known you!

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POSSIBILITIES

By Rudyard Kipling.

As, my kin 'neath the Shaka pine—
A fortnight fully to be missed,
Behold, we lose our fourth at whist.
A chair is vacant where we dine.

His place forgets him, other men
Have bought his pension, gun, and
traps.
His fortune in the Great Perhaps
And that cool rest home down the
glen.

Whence he shall hear, as spirits say,
Our mounds are reared on the height,
Shall watch such flanking 'rickshaw
light

Swamp us to dinner, dinner and play.
Remember shall we him in the hall
With lighted rooms and beeping
band.

And he shall hear and understand
"Dream Faces" better than us all.

For, think you, as the vapors rise
Across Sanjiao after rain,
His soul may climb the hill again
To each old field of victory.

And, when we leave the heated
room,

And, when at four the lights expire,
The crowd shall gather round the fire
And mock our laughter in the gloom.

Talk as we talked, and they are
death—

First wails, dunes in ghastly wies,
With ghosts of lanes for melodies,
And vanish at the morning's breath.

I am often filled with wonder
that the announcement of a "Sale"
is sufficient to throw a whole neigh-
borhood into a state of excitement.
From the time the glaring blue
and red bills arrive to alter your
front steps, the coming Tragic-
Comedy begins to be a distinct fac-
tor in the conversation of the family
circle—and out of it. Mother com-
mences to get thoughtful, perhaps
even a bit distrustful, and being ques-
tioned as to the cause, suggests that
"the parlor curtains do look a trifle
shabby, and we certainly need a
few more odd dishes and things."

At this stage Father, if he is a
wise man, merely asks "where is it?"
and fills out a cheque, and gentle little
Motherkins a day or so later
proceeds to indulge in the only form
of gambling she permits herself;
for sales, look at them as you will,
really are a game of chance—excite-
ment, uncertainty; a battle of intel-
lects or purses—what else do you
need to make up your gambles?

Withal they have a distinctly edu-
cational value, and the wisdom
acquired from a constant frequent-
ing of the same should serve a man
or woman very well in sizing up both
people and situations. I sometimes
think the little red flag that waves
so modestly in front of the palace
and hovel has stood for more of
tragedy and heartache—withal a deal
of fun thrown in to lighten it—than
over the pennants and regimental
banners that led an army through a
sea of blood and a sizzling cam-
paign to their ultimate defeat or
glory.

An army after all is an army—an
abstract thing that has its fighting
chance—but Mr. Blank's sale,
whether Mr. Blank is alive or dead,
spells in a general thing an episode
of tragedy in Mr. Blank's, your
neighbor's or mine, life. It is some-
thing that touches some one we know
and, like intimately—there's the rub,
"intimately"—it may touch us.

In days to come Blank or Blank's
family will date certain events from
"the day of the sale"—and so it
constitutes a milestone, and every
milestone past brings us nearer the
last on the ever-shortening road of
life—truly a sale is "to moralize."

As you may guess, I have not at-
tended many in my life—if I had,
like the case-hardened doctor, I
should have ceased to disconcert, or
even think. To do so is fatal to the
success of your gamble. And yet I
wonder if even the least thoughtful
of us at one such event early this
week, didn't send a thought to the
late tenant whose goods we had
gathered to bargain for.

Books, initiated by their owner in
the hey-day of health, such intimate
things it seemed a privilege to
dicker for!

Guise, old words, held precious
the man who had taken his greatest
pleasure in life in sports which
seemed to stand before you!

Coalport dinner-service, cham-
pagne glasses, brass smoking per-
aphernalia—how he had loved the
luxuries of existence! but lately
used by him, now on a table await-
ing the auctioneer's hammer.

Little household goods, collected
for years and years; pictures, the
fruit of foreign travel, a lacuna
pious, to us about to bid for them,
but all dear to him who knew the
associations. Such are the changes
wrought by death. Empty chairs,
a house dismantled—miles and so on
end of it!

Queerly enough, awed not a
particle by the fate of him who has
but just turned round the corner of
that other life, we who are left yet

about doing our collecting, prepar-
ing for the same day, that has but
just over-taken our friend.

A strange instance of man's un-
concern and brazen boldness in the
face of Death.

But now that I have spoken my
thoughts on the tragic part "at the
sign of the little red flag" I must
ask you to smile with me over the
fun of it, the incongruity.

Now a crowd is always interesting
—but the crowds that gather at a
sale are the most fascinating things
on earth. The gamut of human
emotions are all here, plain to be
seen for the looking.

The half-repressed air of excite-
ment that permeates the atmosphere
lays you in the proper tune of things
and by the time that the auctioneer
mounts the box or table you are
ready for some keen sport.

Already you have asked your dearest
friend please not to bid on that
book case—which she has probably
come for expressly, by the way—
or that dear little Doulton jug her
soul covets—also yours; so this
action you are eager for the fray to
begin.

"Order, Order," rings out the
call to battle as the auctioneer
pounds his hammer (at least some-
thing that makes a big noise) and at
the second word silence, broken by
a subdued ffl whispering,
greets the man on the box. "I am
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chairs you're standing on, that wo-
man over by the door?"

Assured "No, it's only a curtain,"
the master of ceremonies proceeds.
"What am I offered, ladies and
gentlemen, for this fine cut glass
decanter. Give me a bid. Go on,
you have to start somewhere."

"Ten cents."

"Ten cents"—for a cut glass
decanter, ladies, what ARE you
thinking of?"

"Ten cents for a decanter to hold
Canadian Club or Irish rye?"

"Ten cents to make your husband
happy and keep him home from the
Club. Ladies, ladies, I'm surprised
at you."

Thus encouraged a man raises it
fifteen cents, and bidding becomes
 brisk.

Opposition seems to stimulate
desire and before two minutes people
are scrapping for the once despised
article.

"The mine bid in three places,"
rings out the auctioneer, and the
game has to begin all over again.

"I have here," he proceeds, "some
fine 1847 Rogers forks, quadruple
plate, stamped, signed and properly
attested. Who wants some first class
silver for their home? Young men
and women starting house keeping
now's your chance, get your bride
some silver, there you have for a
song what you'll pay a fortune for
down town. What am I bid, what
am I bid?"

The bidding ends at two dollars
and seventy five cents for the half
dozen with an option of securing
the rest of the supply at the same
figure, but the lady elects to only
take six. Others are requested to
signify how many they will take at
the same price, but no one speaks.

"Alright," wearily from the man
on the box, "bid 'em up over
again," which is done, the silver
reaching the inevitable "2.75,"
when such parties as want them are
in the same position as they were
before the second bidding was
done.

It is very funny, intensely human!
Next comes the Coalport service,
which is knocked down at \$30,
though the tureen alone was im-
ported from England at a cost of
twenty five dollars net.

Such is the fortune of a sale!
"Who bought that ducky little
tea-pot?" kisses a woman in your
ear. "I wanted it and I never
heard it put up."

You confess to the crime, and the
woman departs, smiling blessing
you.

The grandfather's clock evokes an
old round hum of interest.

"Nice brass weights," comments
a patrician householder, "wonder if
they're solid?" "Would you mind
moving a little," suggests a very
small man who is crushed between
two Amazons, "you've been standing
on my foot until it's gone to sleep."

"Get out of the way then," snaps
Amazon No. 1, "you've no business
at a sale." Which is true as every
time he has uttered a tiny small-
voiced bid, his voice has been drown-
ed in his boots.

"Will you please stop talking,
ladies and gentlemen," draws the
auctioneer, "that's what I'm paid
for doing," and the noise subsides
for a moment.

Presently a wild-eyed man who
has been bidding steadily on a
chiffonier, makes madly for the door
on learning that the article under
the hammer is in reality a bedstead.

Begin again the same tiresome
round of bids on the "brass one."

The sale is not half over before
you realize that the man patting the

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Coming away from the sale you encounter numerous friends taken down with booty. Some busy concocting excuses for wives or husbands for having nibbled at certain bargains, others openly gloating over their prizes, while the aristocratic woman is busy explaining that she only bought the old bed linen for the maid's room.

HOME AND SOCIETY

To London Town from Babylon
The pursuit of the world goes by!
For you, for you, I pause and can
A Stand-By.

The week just passed has been a much gay one than we have had for two months back, due to several small teas and luncheons, which added their quota of interest to the prevailing quietness.

On Friday Mrs. Harris of Tenth street had a most enjoyable Five O'Clock when glorious sunshine, a baby atmosphere, and the best of hostesses lured the guests with their prettiest frocks and furbelows, to go a tea-drinking.

For all that a great many well-known people are still out of town, a jolly party foregathered in the pretty tea and reception room where the slightest decorations and many lovely flowers made a fitting setting for the gay little scene.

Mrs. Harris received her guests in the reception room, and gave everyone a charming word of welcome.

Assisting her were the three young daughters of the house, decidedly popular and very pretty girls, who were indefatigable hostesses.

In the tea room Madame Thibodeau, Mrs. Keely and Mrs. Farquharson presided at a table beautifully arranged with a low bowl of velvety raisins and trailing smiles, while Miss Rudolf, Miss Kathleen Graydon and the Misses Harris passed the dainty refreshments.

Among those who came and went I noticed Miss Gascogne, always true chic, in a lovely pink flowered organdie, with large hat with pink roses to correspond. Mrs. Duncan Smith in pale blue embroidered linen, Miss Martin all in white; Miss Alcock in a smart black and white voile with picture hat with plumes, Mrs. Bouillon, Mrs. Calderon, Mrs. Mays in dainty green and white toilette, Mrs. Turnbull, Mrs. Graydon, Miss Woodward, Miss Dorothy Sommerville and Miss Florence Cameron, Mrs. Norquay and many others.

A great many Edmontonians have put in a pleasant holiday in Banff this year. When I last heard late last week, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Morris, Mr. and Mrs. Rolfe and family, the Garneys, Mr. Rhythe and Mr. Henthrope and family were among the number at that time enjoying the mountain breezes.

Miss Woodward of New Westminster is visiting her sister Mrs. G. H. Graydon, on Third street.

Mrs. Spratt of Victoria Ave., was the hostess at a delightful luncheon on Friday last.

Mrs. Cantley entertained informally at a petite cauchie on Friday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Cross and family arrived home from a month's vacation at Gull Lake on Monday.

Mrs. George Stockand is spending a holiday among the mountains.

Mr. Wilfrid Harrison has returned from a short holiday in Banff.

Mrs. F. T. Fisher and children are home from their summer residence at Gull Lake. Mr. and Mrs. Bouillon, who had Mr. Fisher's town house for the summer months have gone back to the Cecil, and Miss Alcock, Mrs. Bouillon's visitor from the Southern States, has returned to her home.

Mrs. Burton of Port Hope is visiting friends in town.

The engagement is announced of Mr. Alfred Hawes of Toronto and Mundeville Place, London W., England, who spent several months in Edmonton last winter, and Miss Grace E. Allen, sister of Mrs. Benjamin Knowler of New York and Baybrook, Conn., and cousin of Lady and Sir Alan Johnstone, Ambassador to Denmark. No date has yet been arranged. Many delightful soirées have been given in their honor at the English capital by Lady Johnstone, Mrs. Houdon Wood of

Brimbury Park, Captain Gibbons naval attaché, Mrs. Pinchot, of Washington and others.

Mrs. Burton, of Port Hope, who has been Mrs. MacGachan's guest for several days, leaves on Saturday for a short visit to Edmonton and Regina. —Winnipeg Town Topics.

Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Blair, of Winnipeg, have issued invitations for the marriage of their daughter Marguerite Marie, to William Whyte, Jr., which takes place at All Saints' Church on Wednesday, September 4.

Mrs. Ben, a popular young actress of St. Mary's, Ontario, is at present visiting in Calgary. Mrs. McCulloch entertained in her honor at an enjoyable five o'clock last week.

Last week a very successful dance was given in the Bijou Hall, Lethbridge, at which the hostesses were Mrs. Naismith, Mrs. Lethbridge, and Mrs. Reese. About one hundred were present and the event was one which will go down in the city's social history.

I saw by the Calgary News that the Misses Taylor of Edmonton were the hostesses at a dance given at the Sanitarium Hotel, Banff, on Friday night last week in honor of Mr. Gordon Carling and Mr. L.C. Ward, who are going to penetrate the Yellow Head pass district in search of gold. Before the dance, a dinner was also tendered them by their friends. Dr. Tierney of St. Albert in his speech said it was the fourth time he had been at a similar function in honor of Mr. Ward's setting forth on an expedition. He told of the time he had seen 400 head of horses turned loose on the Little Slave during the Yukon rush over the Swan Hills. Dr. Tierney predicted that as a result of Messrs. Carling's and Ward's expedition within one year the people would see an outbreak of gold fever equal to any of the past. Mr. W. F. Bredin M.P.P. was also present.

The Prince Rupert Empire has the following: "Of Prince Rupert's permanent residents, the ladies take precedence after the children. Their names are given below, not according to age or good looks, but according to length of time they have resided in town. Mrs. W. P. Anderson heads the list. She arrived here on Dec. 11, 1906. Then followed, in order, Mrs. Tremayne, Mrs. Wilcomb, Mrs. Pepin, Mrs. Creech, Mrs. McIntosh, Mrs. Morrison, Mrs. Barrow, Mrs. Viorock, Mrs. Craig, and Mrs. McKay, arrived the same date, Mrs. Du Vernet and Miss Du Vernet. The two last-named arrived on July 1. The first lady who lived on the town site was Mrs. Moore, whose husband has charge of a G.T.P. engineering party. She came in October, 1906, but is now with Mr. Moore, whose camp is at some point on the Skeena.

The engagement is announced of Miss Fredina Martin, daughter of James Martin, Okotoks, Alta., to Mr. Ashworth Anderson, manager of the Union Bank of Canada, Okotoks. The wedding will take place the seventeenth of September.

Mrs. Patrice of Toronto, who has been visiting Mrs. Cantley of Helton Lodge, returned home on Thursday.

Miss Shibley entertained at a jolly little luncheon of ten covers on Tuesday and again at bridge on Wednesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Bell of Winnipeg were guests of the Alberta during the week. Mrs. Bell, nee Miss Mildred Campbell of Guelph, met a number of old friends in Edmonton and had a most enjoyable visit here.

Mrs. Cantley was the hostess of a most enjoyable tea on Wednesday afternoon, given in honor of her guest, Mrs. Patrice, a charming visitor from Toronto.

Rev. Dr. and Mrs. Alexander Sutherland announce the engagement of their second daughter, Mary Ida Helen, to Mr. Howard W. McLean, barrister, of Calgary, Alta. The marriage will take place early in September in Toronto.

A fatality is reported from White Lake. While attempting to drive a bull away from the stable of C. H. Dunn, Ralph J. Lloyd, aged 25 years, who was in the employ of Mr. Dunn, was so severely gored on Monday of last week that he died the next evening. Lloyd's home was at Kentville, N.S. A sister teaches school at Bruderheim.

Bruce Rodenhamer has been committed in Red Deer as a charge of forging the name of Henry Reinhold to a cheque for \$15, which he passed on the Gault-Cornett Drug and Book Co.

Last week coal and mica were found on the property of Messrs. Shorn, McAvoy and Daniel near the old shooting target, to the south-west of Fort Saskatchewan. Coal was struck seven feet down by a party prospecting for sand suitable for brick.

Peggy

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The Elks' Carnival.

Large Crowds Delighted by the Races Shows This Week.

Coney Island has been transferred to Edmonton. At the old baseball grounds, adjacent to the C.N.R. depot, there is this week to be found a collection of attractions, worthy of the great amusement resort of the American metropolis. Large crowds have been in attendance every afternoon and evening and Mr. Reiss, the sole proprietor, and the Edmonton members of the Benvolent Order of the Elks, under whose auspices the shows are being given, are to be warmly congratulated on the success of their efforts.

The grounds will continue open to the public until Saturday evening and no one who doesn't wish to miss a very large opportunity for genuine amusement should fail to visit the Reiss attractions.

There is a great variety offered. The serious minded man who wishes to see what is being accomplished in the way of saving infant life may visit the baby incubator, which is fitted up in accordance with exact scientific requirements. If you want a clean vaudeville show, you have it on the grounds. If the kiddies want a ride on the merry-go-round or on a Ferris wheel, which takes you up where you can overlook a large section of the city, these are at hand. There are other attractions, almost too numerous to mention, the Glass Blowers, Dixie-Land, the Diving Bear, Aga, Sing-Sing, the Train Wreckers and others. But last of all comes the circus. It has only one ring but on that account is ten times more enjoyable than the kind which has so many rings that a large proportion of the audience come out from it cross-eyed for life. At the Reiss circus you can see everything that is going on and it is always something worth watching. The acrobats, clowns, contortionists, etc., are first-class, while a feature of extraordinary merit is Madame Wanda's performance with her trained English coach dogs.

Something not usually seen at shows like this is a fully organized police and judicial force, which has been administering law and order and pulling delinquent Elks and others at a rate, which leaves no doubt regarding its efficiency and incorruptibility.

If you haven't up to the present, don't fail to go between now and Saturday night.



Edmonton maintains her lead in the baseball league, though there is every indication that the first honor will be warmly contested for by Medicine Hat. The last league games take place on Sept. 4th. As Calgary is here for the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th, and Medicine Hat has to tackle Lethbridge, the chances in the home stretch favor Edmonton.

On Friday last Edmonton went down before Lethbridge by 6-2. Medicine Hat and Calgary broke even, 11-4 and 1-3. Rain prohibited all sport on Saturday. On Monday one of the most remarkable games ever seen in the west was played with Calgary. For ten innings, with Crist and Sykes pitching, the two teams struggled but neither had scored when darkness intervened. That day Lethbridge trimmed Medicine Hat by 8-0. On Tuesday Erickson distinguished himself, pitching two winning games in succession, Calgary going down by 8-0 and 2-1. It was a feat for Erickson, which makes him stand out as one of the best in his business. Medicine Hat reversed the order of the previous day and won from Lethbridge by 10-7. On Wednesday Calgary lost another double header, 4-1, and 6-3. McClair and Blezard being on the slab, while Medicine Hat won by 12-7.

This makes Edmonton's per centage before to-day's (Thursday's) game 600 and the Hat's 508, so it looks as if only an extraordinary run of hard luck will prevent the capital city from leading the championship.

The cricketers are planning a tour at the end of the month, playing Red Deer on Aug. 31 and Pine Lake on Labor Day. Rain interfered with a practice game last week. The previous Saturday a drawn game was played between the Single and Married men. Butler, Bertenshaw and Bowman hitting up a big score for the single men and Mountfield, Scott Boyes and Seath doing very effective work with the willow for their opponents.

Nottinghamshire having won from Middlesex, and the latter having also succumbed to Hampshire, it looks as if the first named county were assured of the championship. Up to the present they have not been beaten. The result is due principally to Mr. A. O. Jones, the county captain, one of the finest amateur sports

in England. The second test match between South Africa and England was won by the latter with small scores, the wet pitch being badly against the batsmen. The totals were: England, 76 and 162; South Africa, 119 and 76.

What Boy wants to have a pair of Hockey Boots and Skates this Winter?



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Any boy who doesn't live in Edmonton but who wants to try for the prize should write The Saturday News and ask to have papers sent to him to sell.